

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicants: M. UMEMURA, et al

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Group: 3629

Examiner: I. N. Borissov

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 21, 2006

Sir:

In response to the September 22, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.